GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SEA WALL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from Orissa Government to construct 480 km. long sea wall at a cost of Rs.432 crore as is being done in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the proposal;

(c) whether any study has been made recently relating to sea erosion in the coastal areas of the country especially in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) No proposal for construction of 480 Km. long sea wall has been received from Orissa Government.However, a revised proposal, estimated to cost Rs. 436.286 crores, was received from the Government of Orissa in May 2000 for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project which includes construction of 97.55 kms. of sea wall, construction of 75.80 kms. of new saline embankments and river bank protection works in the tidal reaches of the rivers. The same was examined in Central Water Commission and comments were sent in the same month to State Government for further modification of the proposal. Response from Government of Orissa is awaited.

(c) to (e) No specific study has been made recently to assess the extent of sea erosion in the coastal area of the country by Central Water Commission.

The Government of India, through Coastal Protection & Development Advisory Committee (CPDAC), has been pursuing State Governments for the following:

1. State Governments have been requested to collect coastal data and send the same to National Coastal Data Bank, which is proposed to be set up at Central Water & Power Research Station (CW&PRS), Pune.The data collected at National Coastal Data Bank will be helpful to carry out coastal studies, assess extent of erosion and suggest suitable remedial measures.

2. In order to promote R&D activities in the field of coastal engineering, State Governments have been requested to formulate research proposals relating to coastal studies.

3. Maritime States have been requested to monitor shoreline changes through satellite imageries so as to study behaviour of coastline affected by sea erosion.